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SHOW EXHIBITOR RULES 2024

47th ANNUAL OREGON KNIFE SHOW • APRIL 12-14, 2024 360 — 8'x30" TABLES

Exhibit Hall, Lane Events Center and Fairgrounds, 796 West 13th Ave., Eugene, Oregon. For Information Contact the Club: (541) 972-3393 or info@oregonknifeclub.org

AUTOMATIC RESERVATIONS: If you had a table at the 2023 Show, you have an automatic reservation for the same table in 2024, but THIS RESERVATION EXPIRES DECEMBER 15, 2023. You may still apply for a table after this date, but we cannot guarantee a table after December 15. NO RESERVATIONS HONORED OR APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT! Note to NEW exhibitors: your table(s) will be assigned after 12/15/2023. If you are adding an additional table that you did not previously hold, your location may be moved depending on the availability of the table next to you.

ALL TABLE-HOLDERS AND VISITORS agree to abide by the OKCA Show rules and to hold the OKCA, its officers, and the Lane Events Center harmless for any accident, loss, damage, theft, or injury.

ANY QUESTION OR DISPUTE arising during the Show shall be resolved by the Show Chair, whose decision shall be final.

THIS IS A KNIFE SHOW. All tables must be 90% knives or knife related items (e.g. swords, axes, edged tools, edged weapons, knife books, knifemaking supplies). If in doubt, check with the Show Chair ahead of time. The OKCA reserves the right to bar any item from display or sale. No firearms may be sold or shown at this Show.

ALL EXHIBITORS are required to keep their tables set up throughout the public hours of the Show: 8 AM Saturday to 3 PM Sunday. ANY EXHIBITOR WHO LEAVES OR COVERS THEIR TABLE BEFORE 3 PM SUNDAY FORFEITS FUTURE RESERVATIONS AND WILL BE DENIED TABLES AT FUTURE OREGON KNIFE SHOWS.

DISPLAY TABLES will be around the perimeter of the room. Displays are eligible for display awards, which are hand-made knives donated by members and supporters of OKCA. Display judging will be by rules established by OKCA. Special category awards may also be offered. NOTHING MAY BE SOLD FROM DISPLAY TABLES.

SALE/TRADE TABLES Sharing of tables will not be allowed. Exhibitors must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. Oregon has NO SALES TAX.

BADGES: Each table-holder is entitled to one additional Show badge. NO EXCEPTIONS.

KNIFEMAKERS who are present and are table-holders at this Show may enter knives in the knifemaking award competition.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on categories and judging criteria in the display and hand-made knife competitions, contact the Club.

SHOW FACILITATORS will be provided by OKCA from 9AM Friday until 4 PM Sunday. However, exhibitors are responsible for watching their own tables. Neither the OKCA nor the Lane Events Center will be responsible for any loss, theft, damage, or injury of any kind. **CITY AND COUNTY REGULATIONS** require that there be:

• No Smoking within the Exhibit Hall at any time; •No alcoholic beverages consumed within the Exhibit Hall during the public hours of the Show; •No loaded firearms worn or displayed at the Show; •No swords or knives brandished or displayed in a provocative manner.

NOTE ON SWITCHBLADES AND DAGGERS: In Oregon it is legal to make, sell, buy, or own switchblade knives. However, it is ILLEGAL to carry a switchblade knife, a gravity knife, a dagger, or a dirk concealed on one's person, or for a convicted felon to possess a switchblade or gravity knife. Most other states have banned switchblade knives. Under federal law, it is ILLEGAL to mail, carry, or ship a switchblade or gravity knife across state lines.

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Our international membership is happily involved with "Anything that goes 'cut'!"

December 2023

Update from the OKCA Board

We're happy to announce our Club Knife for 2024 will be a tribute knife to Wayne Goddard. Steve Goddard brought his collection of blanks to a board meeting and this design was selected. Mike Vellekamp will be making the knives. There will be 107 made. Prototype 1 and Prototype 2 will be prizes in a drawing. To be eligible for this drawing you will have to have renewed your 2024 membership by February 15th 2024. If you're a table holder, you'll have a second chance to win prototype 2 if you register for your table by February 15th, 2024.

Numbers 1-5 will be entered into the silent auction at the April show, they



will be butterscotch micarta with nickel silver pins.

Number 6-105 will be available for presales after the new year. These will be green micarta with copper pins.

We will be holding a rope cutting competition at the upcoming show. Requirements of the knife to be entered are a 10-14 inch blade with a lanyard hole in the middle of the handle.

We are going to have two Raffle categories at the show this year. The first being, "Win a day with a Knifemaker" this raffle is for club members who would like a day with a knife maker to learn how to make a knife from beginning to end. Four winners will be selected. \$25 per ticket.

The second raffle will be for club members who are knifemakers who would like to turn their hobby of knife making into a business.

They will win a 2 hour Zoom class with Ray Ellingsen who will consult on how to make a business of your knife hobby. Ray has been consulting

with small business owners for years and if you know Ray Ellingsen, you also know he's been running around the show since he was 11 years old. A great combination to help boost your small knife business to the next level no matter where you're at currently.

We have reserved a block of hotel rooms for members to book for their stay during the April show. On the club website, go to the FAQ tab, then go to "Where can we stay when we come to the show", you will find a link directly to the hotel website. We will add more links to different hotels as we get them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us via email or the club phone number.

UPDATED email and phone info@oregonknifecollectors.com (541) 972-3393

December Meeting at Sizzler 12/20/2023

(dinner at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm) 1010 Postal Way, Springfield, OR 97477

Theater Knives my Dad made By Mike Johnston

I have always been interested in history. History of weapons especially peak my interest. When family history and weapons history merge, so much the better.

My father was a B-17 pilot during WWII. During one of his missions his plane was shot down and he and his crew successfully bailed out. They were over Holland when they were shot down and were located and hidden by the Dutch Underground. Dad said one of the first things the underground did was take away everything dad and his crew had that identified them as American airmen. Dad said he regretted loosing his 1911 .45 made by Singer Sewing Machine, but he got over it (sort of).

While he was hiding in a barn, dad acquired a couple power hacksaw blade and a file. He had decided he and his crew needed some sort of weapons, so he made several



(Dad's knife he made in Holland) knives that he said were similar to the style the Dutch carried everyday. He carved and fitted the handles and wooden sheaths by hand and gave them to the crew members.

Three months later, dad returned to England with his knife that he made.

In the late 80's or early 90's, one of his former crew members contacted dad and asked if he



(knife sent by crew member to Dad) remembered the knife dad had made him while they were evading capture by the Germans during WWII. Of course dad remembered and the crewman sent dad the knife.

After returning to the United States, dad was stationed in Honolulu Hawaii while the pacific theater was still active. He made several knives from military aircraft parts, plexiglass windshields and red light covers and pieces of aluminum.



(Dad carried this dagger in the top of his jump boots while flying for many years.) He said some were from Japanese planes and some from American

planes. Dad said the blades were from power planer blades he salvaged from the workshop on base.

Dad was able to take his family, my mother and oldest sister to Hawaii, where my other sister was born. The second, much smaller dagger, he made for my mother and put her initials on the sheath. The cross guard is plexiglass as is most of the handle.

This blade has a fine, even coat of rust so it may not have been made with a planer blade.



(Dad made this knife for my mother)



(Dad's hunting knife)

The third is a hunting knife he made at the same time. This was the only hunting knife I ever knew dad to carry and use. The power planer blades he used held an edge and this one is sharp to this day.

The Knife that Came Back Part II By Ray Ellingsen

(In Part 1, I attended a two week wilderness survival course and borrowed a Herter's knife from my instructor after my high speed, low drag Rambo knife got snapped in half. I reluctantly returned my instructor's knife to him after

the class was over, and thought I'd never see it again. Thirty years later the same knife crossed my path again)

Part 2

I looked at the Ebay seller's information and discovered that the man who sold me the Herter's knife was in Wisconsin. I was determined to solve the mystery of how this knife had traveled from Oregon to Wisconsin over a period of thirty years. I contacted the seller, and after several correspondences

discovered that Bill, the seller, had bought the knife at a local pawn shop for his son who was shipping

out with the Army to Iraq. Apparently, Bill's son was as unimpressed as I originally was when he saw the knife and opted for some high

speed, low drag combat knife instead (I hope it wasn't a United Cutlery Rambo knife).

Bill gave me the number for the pawn shop and I called them that day. Of course, the pawn shop owner, Jim M. (I won't disclose the last name of the owner in order to protect the guilty), had no recollection of the knife, or where he might have gotten it. I was ready to hang up when the owner's last name rattled

an old memory in my mind. I asked if he knew someone named Terry with

his same last name, and Jim said that was his son. I had gone through numerous Outward Bound courses with Terry M. over the years.

When I called Terry M., I immediately remembered why we never stayed in touch. He was clearly

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the same jerk I remembered him to be. When I asked him how he came to possess the knife he said he couldn't remember, and didn't seem too bothered that he was a rotten, decrepit thief who had stolen a valuable, precious knife and had deprived countless students of having a quality cutting tool to learn with (he probably just innocently borrowed the knife and forget to give it back after a class). Regardless of what really transpired I decided to believe the

worst. I hung up, cursing him, his lineage, his pets, and anyone else who may have been related to him.

All of my ire was quickly forgotten when I remembered Ross, and all of the skills he had taught me with that Herter's knife, now in my possession. I looked up Ross, and discovered that he was living out in the middle of nowhere in Oregon. It took me a

week to get a message to him, but we finally caught up and agreed to meet in a little café in Joseph, OR.

I hadn't seen Ross in over two decades. He looked older, but still quietly alert. We sat down and ordered our meal, and while we were waiting, I pulled out the Herter's knife and slid it across the table to him. Ross looked at it for a minute, then picked it up and examined it. He turned the sheath over and smiled when he saw his initials. He set it down and waited patiently for me to tell him the story. I recalled to him my experience of reacquiring the knife, and then told him that I wanted to return his knife to him. Ross thought about it and then slid the knife back across the table to me saying, "It's yours now. Take care of

it...and, just a suggestion, but I wouldn't loan it out to anybody if I were you".

As I sat there in the diner, I had the fleeting thought that "if Ross had just sold me that knife all those years ago, none of this would have happened. Then it hit me, if Ross had just SOLD me that knife all those years ago, none of this WOULD have happened; I wouldn't have wondered about that knife over the decades, I wouldn't have started collecting Herter's

knives and catalogs, I wouldn't have had the experience of winning that



knife in an Ebay auction and discovering that it was the same knife

from all those years ago, I wouldn't have embarked on the Scooby Doo

mystery of finding out how it wound up in Wisconsin, I wouldn't have had the conversation with Terry M. about him absconding with Ross's knife (well, that I could have lived without), I wouldn't have visited with Ross again, and I certainly wouldn't be writing this article.

Ross passed away peacefully in his

sleep a year after we met on that day. As I am typing this, his Herter's knife (now in my care) sits on my desk in front of me. I am grateful that I was able to reconnect with Ross one last time. I am also in awe by all of the experiences that we have in life, and the tangible things that are connected to them.

Years ago, a young man had a profound wilderness experience with a knife that shaped his future. That time, and that knife, faded into distant memory. But then one day, the knife came back.

Secretary Report By Susan Goddard

Hi there!

Hope everyone is having a great Holiday season so far.

Thank you to all the club members who attended our November Sizzler meeting and donated to Toys for Tots. We had a wonderful table of gifts.

Memberships are coming in and table sales for the April show are going fast. The new rates are attractive to our table holders and they aren't wasting any time registering. VP Steve Goddard is making his rounds reminding table holders that if they

don't register for their table by December 15th they might not get their same table they had last year.

Next month we'll be announcing the theme for 2024.

We have included members from years past on the Newsletter this month. We wanted to let you know we miss you and hope you come back and join us for 2024.

Our digital Newsletter starts in January. Keep an eye out for it in your inbox.

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are having a hard time when it comes to third party popup blockers. Once you turn that off you should be just fine. If you aren't comfortable or don't want to use the online system please don't hesitate to utilize the U.S. Mail system.



Board members and officers can no longer accept gifts or considerations from club members. While we greatly appreciate the gesture, the board and officers agree that this can no longer be accepted. If you would like to show appreciation for our efforts the club will gratefully accept donations to the silent auction, the proceeds of which directly benefit the club. Thank you for all of your support.

OKCA Free Classified Ads

Free classified ads will run up to three issues and then be dropped. Available only to paid members. Write your ad on anything you have handy and email or snail mail to the OKCA PO Box 2091 Eugene OR 97402. The number and size of ads submitted by a single member will be accepted, or excepted, depending on available space.

Downsizing two shops. Tools, leg vises, goodies of all kinds, some blanked blades. Some steampunk stuff. Gene bladesmith@customknife.com

After Covid, Sally has come up with some new and unique mosaic pin designs. That includes 1/4", 3/16" and1/8" stars. sallv@customknife.com

Commemorative Bi-centennial knife, etched both sides of 6" blade. Man holding rifle side one - back side 2 bison. Wood handle 4-1/2". Presentation box. \$175.00 includes shipping. Or best offer. Meredith (503)970-7629 mienriquez@hotmail.com

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For Sale: Collection of Bronze Knives. Eight (8) pieces that include five (5) bronze daggers, a bronze Roman spear point, a Roman bronze friction folder and a bronze war axe head. These were featured in the April 2022 issue of the Newsletter. I will throw in a bronze bracelet and some bronze Roman coins. \$2,500.00 for all. I also have a meteorite blade from Indonesia and a very early steel sword blade from England. Contact Dan @ Westlind@wwestsky.net

WANTED to buy: American made Bowie and dirk knives from the Civil War and earlier, plus fancy California knives and push daggers. Mark Zalesky (865)310-0576 (leave msq) or email knifepub@gmail.com

For Sale - Vintage and other knives and axes for sale on eBay under MAYERI BOUTIQUE. Carbon steel, German and Japanese knives and more. Becky Pierce.

For Sale - JIMMY LILE FOLDER with button lock (tight), engraving and scrimshaw. Good condition but not collector grade perfect. Still, it's a Lile knife. On consignment in my store for \$4800 OBO. Can also be seen at the Rickreall Gun Dec 9th & 10th or the Eugene Gun & knife show Dec 15 & 16th, and on Ebay. Call David at 503-234-8898 or swordrep3208@gmail.com

Wanted: high grade minty pre 1940 three blade stock knives 3-1/2" to 4-1/2" closed, in unusual and rare brands. Call Jerry (360)253-0366 (PST).

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Wanted: Sequine knives that are unusual, such as custom orders, gut hooks, or any other unusual models.Please email jh5jh@aol.com with a picture attached or call (805)431-2222 and ask for Jack. Wanted: Remington scout/utility knife with pioneer boys or highlander boy's shield or heroism shield. Email jpitt306@earthlink.net or phone Jim (562)716-9857.

Buying OKCA Club Knives for my personal collection. I am also interested in Wayne Goddard, Ron Lake, Lonewolf (Pre Benchmade), and Spyderco Kopa knives. Call or email Jordan (310)386-4928 - igl321@aol.com

Wanted: Western Wildlife Series etched knives as follows: 532 bear, 532 eagle, 521 eagle, 534 antelope. Will pay fair price for any. Call Martin (406)442-2783 leave message.

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(This prototype was made by Steve Goddard for example purposes)

The 2024 OKCA Club Knife - A Tribute to Wayne Goddard